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In re Patent Application of)
Andreas VOLZ et al.) : Group Art Unit: 1745
Application No.: 09/359,120) : Examiner: R. Alejandro
Filed: July 23, 1999) :
For: PROTECTIVE DEVICE FOR A)
REPEATEDLY RECHARGEABLE)
ELECTROCHEMICAL BATTERY)

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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

The following is presented in response to the Office Action mailed March 1, 2000, in connection with the above-captioned patent application.

In the Specification:

Page 7, line 9, change "09/ ____, ____ (attorney docket no. 0105-35) which is being filed at the same time as this application." to --09/359,050.--; and

lines 10 & 13, change "bio-compatible" to --biocompatible--.

Page 23, between lines 3 & 4, insert the following paragraph:

--If the protective housing of the invention, as a whole, is made biocompatible, it can be implanted directly and connected to the user via permanently connected or detachable electric lines; its implantation site is thus irrelevant, as noted above in the "Summary" portion of this application. Materials for the bio-compatible protective housing can be, preferably, titanium, niobium, tantalum, implantable steels or a composite thereof or of other implantable metals with ceramic materials, such as aluminum oxide ceramic, for which jacketing of the entire protective housing with a bio-compatible polymer can be a good idea, such as, for example, silicone, polytetrafluoroethylene (PTFE), polymethane, parylene or the like.--

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